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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Jocelyn Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk and Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Post Office Box 11649
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Re: Joint Application and Petition of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and Dominion Energy, Incorporated for Review and Approval of a Proposed Business Combination between SCANA Corporation and Dominion Energy, Incorporated, as May Be Required, and for a Prudency Determination Regarding the Abandonment of the V.C. Summer Units 2 & 3 Project and Associated Customer Benefits and Cost Recovery Plans
DOCKET NO: 2017-370-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Pursuant to the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-260 (2015) and as the Executive Director's designee, I am attaching copies of the certified statements from all persons present (see sign in sheets also attached) at the February 6, 2019 Allowable *Ex Parte* Communication Briefing held by Mr. Jerry Harvell beginning at 2:30 p.m. ("Presentation").

Please find enclosed a copy of the transcript of the briefing. Written materials utilized or referenced at the briefing by any of the attendees or Commissioners are included either by attachment or by website links listed below.

Links to items referenced:

[Dominion Energy, Incorporated Customer Education Program](#)¹

¹ A hard-copy of Dominion Energy Incorporated's Customer Education Program is also enclosed.

It is my understanding that the transcript of the briefing will be posted on your website, and this transcript is incorporated by reference in all certified statements. The transcript is intended to satisfy the summary requirement of § 58-3-260(C)(6)(a)(ii).

As required by law, please post all documents relating to these briefings on your website.

Additionally, ORS takes this opportunity to address a statement made at the Presentation regarding the ability of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") to order ORS to give an Allowable *Ex Parte* to the Commission.² In order to promote the integrity in South Carolina's regulatory process, it is paramount that ORS's agency independence be maintained. South Carolina Code Ann. § 58-4-20(B) provides that "the regulatory staff is not subject to the supervision, direction, or control of the commission, the chairman, or members of the commission."

Lastly, while both the Commission and ORS requested that Mr. Harvell stick to the noticed topic during the Presentation, ORS is not certifying this Presentation as Mr. Harvell's discussion before the Commission went outside of the noticed matter. ORS recognizes that Mr. Harvell is a member of the public and, while Mr. Harvell's Presentation exceeded the scope noticed, ORS observed no other infraction in his Presentation.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Andrew M. Bateman

Enclosures

² See transcript page 32, lines 21-24.